

properly would be classified with Fig. 8, as they relate to the capacity to carry out the method.

Claims 20-29 are method claims.

The Examiner required only election of species among Figs. 4, 5, 7, 9, 10 and 11-12. Here it should be observed that Fig. 4 is a cross-section of Fig. 3. Accordingly the election will refer to Fig. 3 instead of Fig. 4. However this is intended to be responsive to the requirement that includes Fig. 4.

Applicant elects, without traverse, the species of Figs. 3-4, and requests that the non-elected species be retained in the application pending allowance of a generic claim or the filing of a continuation application.

The undersigned suggests the following claim classification:

Generic: Claim 1 (and if appropriate, claims 10 and 20 also).

Figs. 3-4: Claims 2, 3, 8 and 9 (elected)

Fig. 5: Claim 4

Fig. 7: Claims 6 and 7

Fig. 9: Claim 19

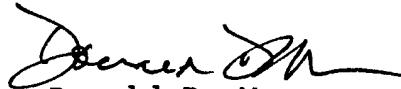
Fig. 10: Claim 19

Figs. 11-12: Claim 5

Should Fig. 8 be of interest, they are claims 10 - 18.

Entry of this election, and reconsideration of this application, are respectfully solicited.

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